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Amendments to the claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. Cancelled.

4. (Currently amended) A mobile paper shredder mounted on a vehicle, comprising:
a feed compartment having a closable feed opening;
a gate below the feed opening, the gate being a sliding gate having an extended and retracted position, the gate in its extended position extending transversely between the feed opening and the paper shredding instruments, the gate separating the feed compartment into a temporary storage space and a paper shredding space;
a ramp in the feed compartment sloping towards the paper shredding implements;
the gate sloping downwards towards the ramp and terminating in its extended position against the ramp;
paper shredding implements disposed to receive paper from the feed compartment and discharge shredded paper;
a shredded paper removal apparatus disposed to receive shredded paper discharged by the paper shredding implements; and
a shredded paper disposal container arranged to receive shredded paper from the shredded paper removal apparatus.

5-7. Cancelled.

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8. (Currently amended) The mobile paper shredder of claim 4 further comprising a water sprayer disposed in the feed compartment and connected to a supply of water.
9. (Currently amended) The mobile paper shredder of claim 4 mounted on a truck.
10. (Currently amended) The mobile paper shredder of claim 4 in which the paper shredding implements comprise a rotary hammer mill.
11. (Currently amended) The mobile paper shredder of claim 4 in which the shredded paper removal apparatus comprises an auger.
12. (Currently amended) The mobile paper shredder of claim 4 further comprising a sweep for sweeping paper in the feed compartment towards the paper shredding implements.
13. (Currently amended) The mobile paper shredder of claim 4 further comprising means, associated with the shredded paper disposal container, for suctioning air and dust from the paper shredder.
14. (Currently amended) A method of shredding paper using a mobile truck mounted paper shredder, the method comprising the steps of:
- temporarily storing paper in a feed compartment;
 - supplying paper from the feed compartment to paper shredding implements to generate shredded paper;
 - removing the shredded paper from the paper shredder; ~~and~~
 - spraying fire suppression ~~fluid~~ liquid into the feed compartment to envelope the paper shredding implements and keep dust down caused by the paper shredding implements and to reduce fire risk; and

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the fire suppression liquid being sprayed at a liquid feed rate between 0 and 5 gallons per minute that is sufficient to remove dust particles from the air.

15-16. Cancelled.

17. (New) The method of claim 14 in which the fire suppression liquid is water.

18. (New) The method of claim 14 in which the liquid feed rate is about 1 gallon per minute for each 6000 lbs of paper shredded per hour.